

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, America is a great Nation, but with all the challenges we face—protecting our homeland, repairing our broken infrastructure, taking care of our seniors, creating an economy that works for working people—extremist politicians continue to find time for their war on women.

When I was a police officer, I put away rapists, stalkers, and domestic abusers. Now, extremist politicians in Texas and my State of Florida are instead trying to empower those same criminals to sue victims if they get an abortion.

Let me be clear: No Florida woman needs to justify her healthcare decisions to anyone. It is our freedom to decide versus your attempts to control.

When I chose to start a family, I did not ask my Senator, my Congressman, nor my Governor for permission. Every woman has the right and the freedom to make her choice for herself and to do so based on her own personal, individual circumstances.

The Constitution is a stubborn thing. This week, we will preserve the constitutional protections of the 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade*. I ask my colleagues to support women by voting for the Women's Health Protection Act.

#### HONORING THE OMAR FAMILY

(Mr. TIFFANY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Omar family.

On Labor Day, Kelly and Jay Omar ran out to pick up dinner for their family while their oldest child, Briar, looked after his four siblings.

It wasn't long after they left that the kids started smelling smoke. Briar and his sister Peyton began looking around and noticed that the playpen was on fire.

The 13-year-old immediately sprang into action, getting his four sisters, the youngest of whom is just 6 months old, out of the house.

After Briar got his sisters to safety, he went back into the house in hopes of putting out the flames with a nearby fire extinguisher, but the blaze had grown too large to contain. Smoke surrounded him, making it nearly impossible to breathe or see the way out. Luckily, their family dog, Mandy, nudged Briar before guiding him out of the house and back to safety.

Kelly and Jay Omar returned to find their house engulfed in flames but felt a sigh of relief as they counted each of their children outside and out of harm's way.

Although they are devastated by what they lost, they remain fortunate for what they still have.

Thank you for the heroic efforts of Briar to save his sisters.

#### ALLOW MEDICARE TO NEGOTIATE DRUG PRICES

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, for far too long, the pharmaceutical industry has dictated who in America has access to the medicines they need for their health and well-being and who doesn't, leaving millions of Americans in districts like mine to make impossible choices about their healthcare.

Already this year, drug companies have hiked the prices of 1,100 prescription drugs, more than 90 percent of which were above the rate of inflation. The largest single price hike for a prescription drug this month was nearly 16 percent, while inflation has risen slightly more than 2 percent.

Big Pharma's bottom line should never be more important than the health of my constituents in the Seventh District of Pennsylvania or the American people at large.

That is why I recently organized a letter signed by 14 of my colleagues, asking our leaders to allow Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices and include that language in the budget reconciliation bill currently being negotiated.

Here is the truth: Giving Medicare the power to negotiate would lower the cost of prescription drugs for hard-working families so that everyone has access to the medicines they need. It would also result in nearly half a trillion dollars in savings for taxpayers, money that we can invest in making healthcare more affordable for even more people.

#### WISHING BURDETT LOOMIS A SPEEDY RECOVERY

(Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that you all join me in wishing Burdett Loomis a speedy recovery.

You may not know Bird, unless you took a political science class at the University of Kansas anytime in the last 40 years, in which case he was probably your favorite professor. Or maybe you would know him from his decades as the KU Washington Semester coordinator, helping students gain real-world experience at various organizations and congressional offices here in D.C.

Regular followers of Kansas politics and government will, of course, know him for his insight, wit, and frequent interviews and columns in the local news.

He is an irreplaceable member of our community whose contributions are too numerous for me to list in my short time here. He has been a trusted friend and adviser to many Kansas officials over the years, and I am personally grateful for his guidance through-

out my time in Congress and his unconditional dedication to the State of Kansas and the well-being of its democracy.

Bird has a huge community wishing him well. From students to Senators and so many in between, we look forward to seeing you soon and are keeping you in our thoughts.

#### REMEMBERING LIVES LOST IN BOULDER, COLORADO, MASS SHOOTING

(Mr. NEGUSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, 6 months ago today, we experienced a tragedy in my community of Boulder, Colorado.

On a Monday afternoon in March, 10 lives were lost at our local King Soopers as a gunman opened fire on customers and employees.

Ten lives were taken far too soon—daughters, sons, neighbors, spouses, coworkers, community members, each of whom left a profound impact on our community.

While the national news may have moved on, for our community, for the families, friends, and neighbors, we are still grieving and still healing.

May we continue to remember them. May we lift up their families and friends in our prayers and in our thoughts.

In the words of Thomas Campbell: "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

Our community remains strong in the face of this senseless act of violence. In strength, in kindness, and in compassion, may we move forward.

#### HAITIAN REFUGEES HAVE RIGHT TO SEEK ASYLUM

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, for many of our residents, the images of the United States Customs and Border Patrol officers on horseback whipping Black Haitian immigrants at the border were triggering. It was traumatic. It was a reminder of our country's ugly history and its decades of mistreatment of Black folks.

What we all witnessed in Del Rio, Texas, was disgusting, not just because of the rogue, out-of-control CBP but also because the actions were a blatant betrayal of our human rights values.

Those brave Haitian refugees have a legal right to seek asylum in our country, like all who are fleeing violence and repression.

America is supposed to be a safe haven. Instead, Black asylum seekers at the border are being met with violence and deportation back to a crisis-stricken country.

All Black Haitians deserve to be treated with human dignity, and we must do better. Our failure to act

against Federal agencies, at least oversight of Black immigrants coming in, is going to enable these shameful acts to continue. We must act together to stop it.

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#### GIVING BACK TO VETERANS

(Mrs. MCBATH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I come from a family of veterans. My father, my brother, and nephew all served, and I am honored to fight for our veterans and their families here in Washington.

Our servicemen and -women have sacrificed so much for this country. And our community and our country are forever grateful to all who have served, and we must always give back to those who have given us so much.

I am proud of the funding that we have helped procure for the Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program. It gives veterans in my community and the country the opportunity to receive a year of job training, education, and housing costs.

This pandemic has been extraordinarily difficult for so many across our country, and this is an important step toward serving the thousands who have so bravely served our Nation.

#### THREATS TO ABORTION ACCESS

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on September 1, the Supreme Court allowed Texas Senate Law 8 to go into effect, which bans nearly all abortions in Texas.

Make no mistake, a 6-week ban is a ban on virtually all abortions. Most people don't even know if they are pregnant at 6 weeks. This is the latest in a series of extremist attempts to restrict abortion access.

This December the Supreme Court will consider a 15-week ban in Mississippi that directly threatens Roe v. Wade. With this recent action, the Court has shown that we cannot depend on it to protect our rights.

This Thursday, I am holding an Oversight Committee hearing on the unending threat to abortion access, and on Friday the House must pass the Women's Health Protection Act.

Our abortion rights are under threat, and we must act now before it is too late.

#### CONTINUING RESOLUTION WILL AVERT A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, this week the House is expected to pass a

continuing resolution to fund the government through December and avoid a government shutdown, which would be catastrophic for families and the economy as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am pleased that this bill includes a provision to cancel the outstanding balance of community disaster loans issued by FEMA to the Virgin Islands as well as disaster assistance throughout this country.

The CR also extends the current enhanced rate of Federal matching funds for Medicaid through December 3 of 2021, averting a sharp decline in the rate of Federal Medicaid funding for essential healthcare for the territories and Virgin Islanders living there.

The suspension of the debt limit is also in the continuing resolution, to prevent a default that would trigger an economic catastrophe, not only here but around the world. This suspension is to help pay for President Trump's 2017 tax cut and the original COVID relief bill signed into law by President Trump.

We know from his past practices that President Trump has no trouble keeping debt, declaring bankruptcy. Thank God Democrats will be the adults in the room and make responsible decisions.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ESPAILLAT). Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4350) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MS. DEAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on amendment 5, printed in part C of House Report 117-125, on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN).

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 219, nays 204, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 269]

YEAS—219

Adams	Bishop (GA)	Brown
Aguilar	Blumenauer	Brownley
Allred	Blunt Rochester	Bush
Axne	Bonamici	Bustos
Barragán	Bourdeaux	Butterfield
Beatty	Bowman	Carbajal
Bera	Boyle, Brendan	Cárdenas
Beyer	F.	Carson

Carter (LA)	Jayapal	Peters
Cartwright	Jeffries	Phillips
Case	Johnson (GA)	Pingree
Casten	Johnson (TX)	Pocan
Castor (FL)	Jones	Porter
Castro (TX)	Kabele	Pressley
Chu	Kaptur	Price (NC)
Cicilline	Katko	Quigley
Clark (MA)	Keating	Raskin
Clarke (NY)	Kelly (IL)	Rice (NY)
Cleaver	Khanna	Ross
Clyburn	Kildee	Roybal-Allard
Cohen	Kilmer	Ruiz
Connolly	Kim (NJ)	Ruppersberger
Cooper	Kind	Rush
Correa	Kirkpatrick	Ryan
Costa	Krishnamoorthi	Sánchez
Courtney	Kuster	Sarbanes
Craig	Lamb	Scanlon
Crist	Langevin	Schakowsky
Crow	Larsen (WA)	Schiff
Cuellar	Larson (CT)	Schneider
Davids (KS)	Lawrence	Schrader
Davis, Danny K.	Lawson (FL)	Schrier
Dean	Lee (CA)	Scott (VA)
DeFazio	Lee (NV)	Scott, David
DeGette	Levin (CA)	Sewell
DeLauro	Levin (MI)	Sherman
DeBene	Lieu	Sherrill
Delgado	Lofgren	Sires
Demings	Lowenthal	Slotkin
DeSaulnier	Luria	Smith (WA)
Deutch	Lynch	Soto
Dingell	Malinowski	Spanberger
Doggett	Maloney,	Speier
Doyle, Michael	Carolyn B.	Stansbury
F.	Maloney, Sean	Stanton
Escobar	Manning	Stevens
Eshoo	Matsui	Strickland
Espallat	McBath	Suozi
Evans	McCollum	Swalwell
Fitzpatrick	McEachin	Takano
Fletcher	McGovern	Thompson (CA)
Foster	McNerney	Thompson (MS)
Frankel, Lois	Meeks	Titus
Gaetz	Meng	Tlaib
Gallego	Mfume	Tonko
Garamendi	Moore (WI)	Torres (CA)
Garcia (IL)	Morelle	Torres (NY)
Garcia (TX)	Moulton	Trahan
Golden	Mirvan	Trone
Gomez	Murphy (FL)	Underwood
Gonzalez,	Nadler	Van Drew
Vicente	Napolitano	Vargas
Gottheimer	Neal	Veasey
Green, Al (TX)	Neguse	Vela
Grijalva	Newman	Velázquez
Harder (CA)	Norcross	Wasserman
Hayes	O'Halleran	Schultz
Higgins (NY)	Ocasio-Cortez	Watson Coleman
Himes	Omar	Welch
Horsford	Pallone	Wexton
Houlahan	Panetta	Wild
Hoyer	Pappas	Williams (GA)
Huffman	Pascarell	Wilson (FL)
Jackson Lee	Payne	Yarmuth
Jacobs (CA)	Perlmutter	

NAYS—204

Aderholt	Carter (GA)	Foxx
Allen	Carter (TX)	Franklin, C.
Amodei	Cawthorn	Scott
Armstrong	Chabot	Fulcher
Arrington	Cheney	Gallagher
Babin	Cline	Garbarino
Bacon	Cloud	Garcia (CA)
Baird	Clyde	Gibbs
Balderson	Cole	Gimenez
Banks	Comer	Gonzales, Tony
Barr	Crawford	Gonzalez (OH)
Bentz	Crenshaw	Good (VA)
Bergman	Curtis	Gooden (TX)
Bice (OK)	Davidson	Gosar
Biggs	Davis, Rodney	Granger
Bilirakis	DesJarlais	Graves (LA)
Bishop (NC)	Diaz-Balart	Graves (MO)
Boebert	Donalds	Green (TN)
Bost	Duncan	Greene (GA)
Brady	Dunn	Griffith
Brooks	Ellzey	Grothman
Buchanan	Emmer	Guest
Buck	Estes	Guthrie
Bucshon	Fallon	Hagedorn
Budd	Feenstra	Harris
Burchett	Ferguson	Harshbarger
Burgess	Fischbach	Hartzler
Calvert	Fitzgerald	Hern
Cammack	Fleischmann	Herrell
Carl	Fortenberry	Herrera Beutler